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SIR:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
MARCH 27, 2001 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement issued March 27, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 27, 2001 Restriction Requirement is due April 27, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are pending in the subject application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions as follows:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to methods of determining the aggressiveness of a prostate carcinoma or methods of diagnosing a benign prostate hyperplasia, comprising detecting the presence of p27 protein or RNA in a sample of prostate carcinoma or hyperplasia, classified in class 435, subclasses 6 or 7.1; and